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Our Case No. 9281-3982

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hideki Masudaya)
Serial No. 09/837,988)
Filing Date: April 19, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 2673
For Input Device Having Plurality of)
Function Switches)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references A1-A3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued on August 24, 2001 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. 01109684.9 of the above-identified application.

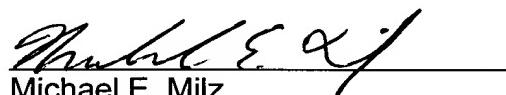
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

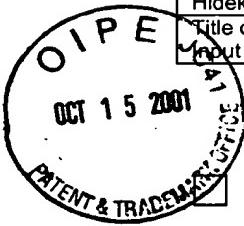


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